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Thomas D. Thompson is the Director for the Office of Finance and Accounting and Chief Financial Officer for the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Mr. Thompson is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

As Director for the IHS Office of Finance and Accounting, Mr. Thompson provides leadership to ensure that IHS finance/budget policy and appropriations support program continuity is consistent with the mission of the IHS. He works closely with the IHS senior executives to ensure that testimony before congressional committees is accurate and timely; reflects sound business acumen that is in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and supports self-determination aimed at the overall improvement of the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Among other major duties, Mr. Thompson establishes policy and procedures for the IHS financial management function that ensure compliance with the Office of Management and Budget requirements. He directs all IHS financial management functions and budget formulation activities in collaboration with agency program and planning offices, and congressional and legislative affairs staff.

Mr. Thompson transferred to IHS Headquarters from the IHS Phoenix Area Office, where he served as Director of the Division of Financial Management. In that position, he was responsible for the overall administration of financial management activities for the Phoenix, Tucson, and California Area Offices, providing oversight and leadership of daily financial management and business operations activities.

Mr. Thompson's career includes service as a financial manager for the Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research; Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Fort Belknap Agency; and Executive Director of Tribal Operations for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He is a certified public accountant with more than 18 years of Tribal management experience and 15 years of federal field and private-sector experience. In the position of Tribal controller, he received national awards for excellence in financial reporting for nine consecutive years from the Government Finance Officers Associations.

Mr. Thompson is a 1973 graduate of the Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee Branch, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, with major studies in accounting. He obtained his Certified Public Accountant certificate in 1985 and is licensed in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Montana.